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Enclosed also are the following designated documents, as required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98:

- X Form PTO-1449 list of eleven (11) references submitted for consideration.
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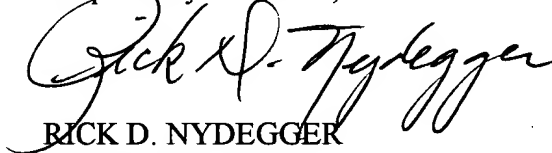
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# SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR DETECTING AND RESOLVING RESOURCE CONFLICTS

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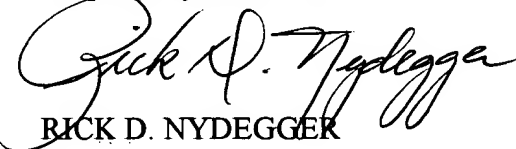
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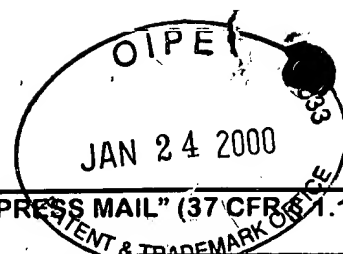


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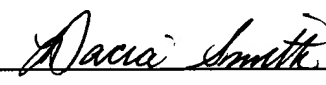
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